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Group No. 1616

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EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2000 for two months from July 10, 2000 (three months days from the mailing date of the office action) to September 10, 2000. Submitted herewith is a check for \$190.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status for applicants' assignee has been previously filed.

A response to the Office Action accompanies this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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